DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Reemployment
Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) Workload Report, and
Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) Outcomes Report
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed revision to the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments Reports." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free by contacting Lawrence Burns by telephone at (202) 693-3141, (this is not a toll-free number), TTY 1-877-889-5627 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at Burns.Lawrence@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: Burns.Lawrence@dol.gov, or by fax (202) 693-3975.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Beebe by telephone at (202) 693-3458 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at Beebe.Michelle.E@dol.gov. **AUTHORITY:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

The continued collection of information contained on the forms ETA 9128 (Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment Workload) and ETA 9129 (Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Outcomes) is necessary to enable the Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) to perform program oversight, target technical assistance to states, and assess the effectiveness of the RESEA program through workload and outcomes reports. As part of its implementation of the RESEA program, ETA provided states with flexibility to include follow-up RESEA sessions, referred to as "Subsequent RESEAs," as part of their service delivery models. Due to a combination of statutory and administrative changes to the RESEA program, the states' adoption of Subsequent RESEAs has become more common and now forms a significant portion of RESEA workloads in many states. To accurately reflect states' RESEA workloads and support federal oversight of the RESEA program, ETA is proposing modifications to the form ETA 9128 that will allow states to separately report the number of Subsequent RESEAs that were scheduled, completed, and instances where a claimant failed to report as directed.

44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) authorizes this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the ADDRESSES section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0456.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the Internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond,

including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, (e.g.,

permitting electronic submission of responses).

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Type of Review: Revision.

<u>Title of Collection:</u> Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments

Form: ETA 9128, and 9129.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0456.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 424.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.83 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 352 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

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